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SUBJECT: SC MEETING IN PANAMA

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SUMMARY: SECOND SC SESSION MARCH 20 PRINCIPALLY PERFORMANCE BY TACK IN RIGHT OF REPLY TO AMBASSADOR SCALI' S MORNING SPEECH. TACK PULLED OUT ALL STOPS. HE QUESTIONED MOTIVE OF US ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ALLEGING US NEEDED LA' S FOR RESOURCES AND CHEAP LABOR FOR ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT. HE ARGUED THAT PANAMA INVOLUNTARILY HAD, IN FACT, RENDERED THE US A GREATER BENEFIT, PERHAPS THE GREATEST ASSISTANCE US HAD RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY . TACK THEN INTRODUCED MODIFIED RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY 6 COUNTRIES. AMBASSADOR SCALI GAVE A BRIEF REPLY TO TACK; CHILEAN REPLIED TO EARLIER BOLIVIAN CHARGES. END SUMMARY.
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1. WHEN COUNCIL RETURNED FOR AFTERNOON SESSION, FONMIN TACK TOOK PRESIDENT'S CHAIR. SPEAKING AS PANAMA'S REP HE EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY TO "PARTS" OF AMBASSADOR SCALI'S STATEMENT. PRESENTATION WAS PURE TACK, DISTILLATIONS OF EARLIER REMARKS HE HAS MADE BEFORE DELIVERED IN CLEAR, CONCISE SENTENCES WITH OVERTONE OF SCARCASM IN PLACES. HE SAID LA GOVERNMENTS VIEW WITH INCREASING CONCERN RECENT US PENCHANT AT INTER- AMERICAN GATHERING TO DELIVER ITSELF OF PUBLIC INVENTORY OF ITS GENEROSITY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA. THIS PRESENTATION OVERLOOKED US NEED FOR IMPORTANT LA FACTORS, I. E., RESOURCES AND CHEAP LABOR, THAT THE US NEEDED FOR ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT. THIS " SUPPOSED" ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS NOT DISINTERESTED AND THOSE VIEW IT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DAMAGE LA'S HAVE SUFFERED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF US.

2. TACK WENT ON ARGUING THAT JURISDICTION OF UN CANNOT BE LIMITED SIMPLY BECAUSE OAS HAS CERTAIN COINCIDENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. HE BACKED HIS CASE BY REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 103 OF THE UN CHARTER AND 137 OF THE OAS CHARTER. HE THREW IN HIS BELIEF THAT OAS STRUCTURE SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO BETTERR SERVE REGIONAL NEEDS. THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE OAS HAS NOT BEEN AS GREAT AS SOME THINK, HE OPINED, NOTING TO THE APPRECIATION OF THE GALLERY, THAT GUESTS SPOKE TO OTHERS ABOUT A PARTY ACCORDING TO HOW THEY ENJOYED IT. TACK CONTINEUED TO ATTACK THE US POSITION IN THE OAS BY NOTING THAT IT HAD ABSTAINED FORM THE CONCLUDING RESOLUTION AT THE RECENT IA- ECOSOC MEETING IN BOGOTA EVEN THOUGH THAT RESOLUTION WAS BASED SIMPLY ON THE CONFERENCES, SPEECHES AND OAS CHARTER PRINCIPALS.

3. TACK ASSERTED THAT TO ACCEPT AMBASSADOR SCALI'S STATEMENTS WOULD INCREASE THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE US AND PANAMA. THE US DESIRE TO RETURN CANAL RIGHTS HAS AMOUNTED TO SUBTLE WAY OF EXPRESSING PERPETUITY. TACK CONCEDED THAT US AID TO PANAMA MAY BE US HIGHEST PER CAPITA AID IN THE WORLD BUT THIS STATEMENT CONSIDERED ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE COIN LEAVING OUT CONSIDERABLE ADAVNtages US OBTAINED FROM PANAMA. TACK REASONED THAT PANAMA

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POSSIBLY HAS GIVEN US LARGEST SUBSIDY THAT ANY ECONOMY HAS EVEN DONE. HE NOTED CANAL'S STRATEGIC POLITICAL VALUE, CITING ILLUSTRATIONS FROM WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR AND MOST RECENTLY 1964 TO 1968 VIETNAM WAR, WHEN HE ALLEGED DRY CARGO HAD GONE UP 640 PERCENT AND FUEL SHIPMENTS THROUGH THE CANAL 430 PERCENT. HE TICKED OFF A LONG LIST OF STATISTICS TO SHOW PROFITABILITY OF CANAL OPERATION AND ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO UNITED STATES. HE QUOTED ECLA STUDY AS GIVING US REAL NET CANAL PROFIT OF \$700 MILLION FOR 1960 TO 1970. THIS WAS IN ADDITION TO ADVANTAGES OBTAINED FOR US TRADE AND COMERCIAL RELATIONS. ALSO WORTH MENTIONING TACK THOUGHT WERE NON- CANAL ACTIVITIES IN CANAL ZONE WHICH ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF REACH OF GOP SOVEREIGNTY.

4. TACK CHARGED THAT IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY REAL BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN PROCESS. NINE YEARS OF NEGOTIATION HAVE BEEN USED TO EXTEND US PERPETUITY CLAIMS AND NOT TO RESOLVE REAL PROBLEMS. HE RHETORICALLY ASKED WHAT ARE THE MAIN CAUSES OF CONFLICT AND ANSWERED THAT THEY ARE THE EXISTENCE OF FOREIGN ARMY AND THE REIGN OF FOREIGN LEGISLATION IN PANAMANIAN TERRITORY. IN VIEW OF US INTRANGIENCE, IT IS NO WONDER THAT GENERAL TORRIJOS HAS EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND NOTED BASIC SIMILARITY OF THEIR PROBLEMS. TACK SAID HE WISHES THE US AND PANAMA TO NEGOTIATE A SOLUTION TO THEIR PROBLEMS BUT THE WORLD MUST BE ALERT SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT SIMPLY THE IMPOSITION OF THE WILL OF THE STRONGER. LAST NINE YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, TACK SAID, HAVE BEEN USED MERELY TO DEVISE MORE DECEIFUL LANGUAGE TO CREATE A REVISED AND EXPANDED VERSION OF THE 1903 TREATY. THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA WILL NOT ACCEPT. AS EXAMPLE HE RETURNED TO PERPETUITY THEME REVEALING THAT US HAD ASK FOR DURATION OF 2067 WHICH WAS " PERPETUITY IN NUMBERS" RATHER THAN WORDS.

5. IN WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF BAD TIMING AND UNREVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY, CHILEAN REP ORLANDINI CHOSE THIS MOMENT OF DRAMA TO REPLY TO EARLIER BOLIVIAN CHARGES REGARDING BOLIVIAN SEA CLAIMS. AFTER INTRODUCTION ASKING APOLOGY FOR TIMING, ORLANDINI ARGUED THAT TREATIES WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE BEEN FREELY ENTERED INTO ARE INVIOLEATE. EXISTING BOLIVIAN-CHILEAN SYSTEM IN NO WAY CHALLENGES BOLIVIAN SOVEREIGNTY. AS THE ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP PROCEEDS AND BILATERAL RELATIONS GO FORWARD, THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL GRADUALLY

EXPAND COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND TIES OF COOPERATION.

6. TACK THEN RETURNED TO SUBMIT REVISED CANAL RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY GUINEA, PERU, YUGOSLAVIA, SUDAN, KENYA AND PANAMA. (SEPTEL) AFTER READING RESOLUTION HE EXPLAINED THAT RESOLUTION PUTS BASIC PROBLEM BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL. PANAMA IS SUFFERING THE " NOXIOUS CONSEQUENCES" OF PRESENT SITUATION HERE. THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA HAS NOT BEEN PERFECTED BECAUSE ZONE GEOGRAPHICALLY AND JURISDICTIONALLY SPLITTING IT. THIS REALITY IS BASED ON A TREATY SIGNED WITHOUT PANAMA' S CONSENT, TACK SAID QUOTING COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO. HE QUOTED PARA 5 1965 ROBLES- JOHNSON STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT ZONE- PANAMA INTEGRATION NECESSARY. TACK JUSTIFIED INVOKING ARTICLE 103 OF CHARTER SO THAT US CAN FULFILL ITS OWN CHARTE OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 1, PARA 2, REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE UNDER ARTICLE 2, PARA 2 AND REFRAIN FROM STEPS JEOPARDIZING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY UNDER RESOLUTION 1514 XV. HE ENDED BY EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT SC WOULD ACCEPT RESOLUTION AND AT THAT POINT LEFT SC CHAMBER.

7 . BOYD GAVE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PERUVIAN RESOLUTION ON NATURAL RESOURCES NOW HAD-- IN ADDITION TO PANAMA AND YUGOSLAVIA-- GUINEA, KENYA AND SUDAN AS CO- SPONSORS. AMBASSADOR SCALI THEN INSERTED BRIEF RIGHT OF REPLY TACK PRESENTATION (SEPTEL). OPEN MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 8:30 PM AND DELEGATES STAYED BEHIND FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR CONCENSUS DECLARATION(SEPTEL).
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